

For Your Information

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF

April 7, 2022

Dates to Remember

April 11, 2022 – P & Z Board Meeting

April 15, 2022 – Good Friday Holiday – City Offices Closed

April 18, 2022 – City Commission Meeting

April 21, 2022 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Office of the City Manager:

Citizens, Business Owners & Other Interested Parties:

Since I have been communicating over the last couple of years regular updates on the status of several major public projects planned for Clewiston, I would not be surprised if people were wondering when all the talk was going to produce results. Not surprisingly, given the process required to obtain necessary approvals, funding, design, permits and meet public contracting requirements, significantly impactful projects often take years to advance from ideas to reality. Thanks to perseverance on the part of city officials, the wait and effort has paid off as the City of Clewiston has a number of long-planned and highly anticipated major capital infrastructure projects that are either recently begun or will be underway in the weeks and months ahead. The timing of all these projects was not planned nor necessarily expected to begin simultaneously in 2022, but that is the way it is working out. The following update is one I have been eagerly anticipating providing for some time:

- a) Beginning many years ago, the City identified the need and explored options for improved public access to the Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD) and Lake Okeechobee water access and recreation area. Deteriorating conditions at the current canal crossing and the desire to upgrade overall access and address deficiencies while expanding opportunities for enhancement of the entire lakefront area prompted alternative considerations which eventually led to the design of an elevated C-21 bridge span project. The project was subsequently approved, permitted and recently fully funded with state grant dollars thanks to the efforts of Clewiston's current legislative delegation. The **\$5.6 million** project is now a reality as the City Commission **awarded contracts in March and construction is set to begin in the next couple of months with completion expected in 2023**. The City continues to consider options for additional enhancements to compliment the bridge project and the lakefront area and would like your input into the planning process. To this end, a public survey has been developed with the assistance of the

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council on behalf of the City and can be completed by using the following link to provide feedback <https://surveyhero.com/c/pfexi3hh>.

- b) One of the City's highest priority transportation improvement projects has for some time been drainage improvements and resurfacing of East Ventura Avenue. After several years of pursuing planning and funding efforts, **this project has finally begun this month**. Utilizing a combination of state grant and City funding sources, the **\$1.3 million** project is scheduled to be completed later this year to address the consensus worst overall existing street conditions in the community on the section from South Francisco Street to Deane Duff Avenue also with among the highest priority drainage improvement needs in the community that is impactful for immediately adjacent areas particularly to the south of the street section. The City is already focused on utilizing recently approved additional federal and state grant funding in the amount of **\$1.8 million** to design and then similarly award contracts to complete major improvements to this priority street section including a redesign effort and resurfacing of West Ventura Avenue from Deane Duff Avenue to W.C. Owen Avenue.
- c) Simultaneous to the East Ventura Avenue improvement project currently underway and prior to commencement of the West Ventura street improvement project phasing, the City has also recently awarded contracts to complete the major upgrading of the water lines in the vicinity which serve businesses, residents and publicly-owned properties on sections of Alverde Avenue, Comercio Street and West Ventura Avenue. This longstanding priority utility project need, which **is under contract and scheduled to begin next week**, will significantly improve water service and fire protection capabilities in much of the downtown area and is entirely funded with **\$0.8 million** in the form of a federal grant allocated to Clewiston as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) approved by Congress in 2021.
- d) The City is under contract and **has for several months been actively engaged with the contractor to complete the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) utility project**. Upon completion in the next year, the project will fully automate the City's utility meter reading and integrated billing process while replacing all electric and water customer meters located throughout the service area both within and outside the city limits. This **\$2.4 million** project is funded by City electric fund revenues for the electric meter portion and the aforementioned federal ARPA grant funding for the water meter elements.
- e) In a partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to complete a comprehensive conversion from individual septic tanks to the City's public wastewater system of all USACE owned properties located in Clewiston in close proximity to Lake

Okeechobee's HHD area east of and adjacent to the city limits, the Commission has awarded contracts in the amount of **\$0.9 million**. The project is fully funded by the federal government and **is scheduled to commence next week with initial contractor mobilization** and be completed later this year. This important undertaking results in the elimination of six aged septic systems currently serving the properties thus improving the quality of life of the community and lake by eliminating any potential groundwater or surface water adverse impacts from the septic systems now or in the future.

- f) Lastly, **the City recently completed \$3.1 million in major improvements to its critical wastewater collection system** lines, pump stations, manholes and related facilities and equipment. The funding for these improvements was provided by the state through a combination grant and partial low and no interest loan program over a three year period. This project was essential to meet state regulatory agency mandates for improving the City's aged wastewater utility infrastructure to be in compliance with its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) operating permit and in so doing avoid costly penalties and fines. This comprehensive effort is not complete yet as the City was recently approved for an additional **\$3.0 million** in the form of another 80% grant and 20% no interest loan agreement **to complete the balance of required wastewater collection system and maintenance program improvements during the next year**. The remaining state required enhancements to the wastewater system to meet City obligations will be the largest project to date to upgrade and expand the treatment capabilities of the vintage 1980's WWTP facilities. The City in partnership with Hendry County has for some time actively pursued grant funding options to modernize the facility and prepare to meet future demand for the service.

The first five items are not all the City projects being undertaken this year, but comprise items that, combined with the funded and partially completed wastewater rehabilitation projects, total **\$18.9 million** in public infrastructure spending which have obvious long term benefits for Clewiston while also providing a shorter term economic boost to the local economy while the contracted projects are completed. As referenced, **\$15.9 million** (or over 84%) of the total cost is being paid by federal and state grants which allows the City to minimize impacts on rates and fees charged to residents, customers and businesses to complete these necessary investments into Clewiston's future. Of course, excluded from these numbers is the large **\$13.5 million** WWTP rehabilitation and expansion project mentioned earlier for which funds remain uncommitted.

I will provide an update in a future installment on major pending projects being undertaken in partnership with Hendry County for additional state grant funded utility infrastructure to serve areas west of the current city limits along the U.S. 27 corridor to the airport and on some other lesser impactful but important infrastructure projects that the City has slated for the upcoming year and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the City of Clewiston.

Randy Martin

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- BIG LOTS has submitted their remodel plans for a new store going in at 328 E. Sugarland Hwy, located in the old U Save building.



- VIA Clewiston has officially broke ground in Commerce Park Industrial District. They will be manufacturing custom commercial and industrial furniture. They will be creating numerous employment opportunities for our community.



Golf Course Director Robbie Rush reports:

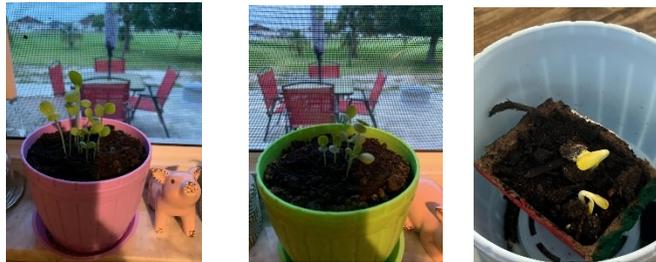
- Get all information of what's going on at Clewiston Golf Course Facebook.
- Get on our E-mail list by going to the City of Clewiston Website. Go to the golf course division and at the bottom of the page you can sign-up on Constant Contact and get all Clewiston Golf Course information.
- Golf Shop Hours are 7:15am-5:00pm. The first tee time is 7:30am. Carts are due in at 5:45pm daily. The golf course is open 7 days a week. Tee Times are required. Contact golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Clewiston Golf Course has a driving range. The driving range has lights which means you can hit golf balls after (Night Time) hours. Tokens for the range ball machine can be purchased in the golf shop or the Clewiston Police Department after hours.

- Golf lessons and Club Repairs are available at the club from PGA Professional Robbie Rush. Contact golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Monday Special after 12pm 18 holes with cart \$30.00 plus tax per person.
- Walking is permitted all day.

For more information call the golf shop 863-983-1448

Library Director Natasha Hayes reports:

- Library staff provided ready reference/computer assistance, circulation services, and patron programming to 1,898 patrons this month.
- This month’s programming activities have included:
 - The Crafternoon was enjoyed by many families Virtually and In-Person on Wednesday, March 9th.



- Virtual Anime Club continues to grow. We invite tweens and teens to join us every Monday at 3:30 p.m. to join in on the fun.
- LEGO Club was held on Thursday, March 24th. Stop in, take part in the challenges, and create your very own masterpiece to put on display here in the library.



- The Friends of the Clewiston Library held their annual Raffle and Book Sale during Sugar Fest (March 19th) which was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the library. Every penny from this event is solely utilized to benefit the Clewiston Library in various capacities such as buying materials that can be checked out by the patrons, purchasing supplies for the many programs that are offered, as well as funding many presenters/instructors for events throughout the year. The Friends of the Clewiston Library go above and beyond to ensure the library is able to provide highly engaging, educational programs to all such as this upcoming summer reading program, “Oceans of Possibilities.” Find more information about this event below.

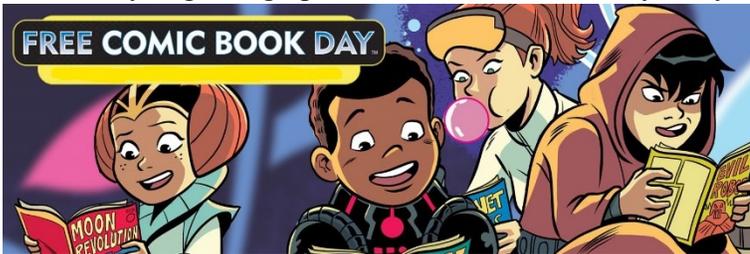


- Virtual and In-Person programs have continued for all patrons. Programs vary monthly so be sure to check out our Facebook page and website to remain up to date on our upcoming activities. Below are the programs for next month:
 - **Anime Club Via Zoom:** Join us for our Anime Club! We meet every Monday to hang out, talk about your favorite graphic novels and manga, and watch anime together. **Please Note:** Registration is required to receive Zoom log-in information. Please abide by the age and grade restrictions. If you are under 18, please be sure to have a guardian’s permission to participate in this online event. If you have any questions, please call the library at 863-983-1493.
 - The library will also be hosting **Snack Decorating** on Wednesday, April 13th at 3:45 p.m. Ages 5 and up. Supplies are limited, please register by calling 863-983-1493 or email Diana at library@clewiston-fl.gov This program is designed for children and accompanying adults.
 - LEGO Club meets again Thursday, April 21st at 3:45 p.m. Join us and have fun building with blocks and LEGO.
- The Adult book Club met on March 7th to discuss “Finlay Donovan is Killing it” written by Elle Casimano. Come join the fun at our next TWO meetings: Monday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. to discuss the newest book club title, “Midnight at the Blackbird Cafè” by Heather Webber. With lively discussions, this group truly enjoys their meetings as they exchange their thoughts about each new title.
- **Oceans of Possibilities** Summer Library Reading Program will begin on Thursday, June 2nd and end on August 5th. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am-11 am. Be sure to come join in on the fun as we continue to expand and bring new, interactive, educational activities to the children throughout the summer. Kids will enjoy a host of activities, arts & crafts, in person presentations, and of course amazing stories. Can’t wait to see what live “ocean” critters may pop by to visit us... *This program is open to all ages and advance registration is not required (please ensure children under 8 years of age are accompanied by an adult).* The library is excited to announce a partnership with the local YMCA. As before in years past, this partnership allows for all children who enroll at the YMCAs summer camp that’s being offered at the Clewiston Recreation Center, to join in on all the fun at the library’s Oceans of Possibilities reading program. As this program is open and free to all, help us spread the word so we may reach as many children, families, and/or other groups as possible.
- **Library Amnesty Week:** In celebration of National Library Week, the library is offering this opportunity to return any overdue library materials between Monday, April 4th and Friday, April 8th and all late fees associated with the returned items will be waived.

Please note that this does not include any fees due for damaged items. The purpose of the amnesty is to promote library use and support. So please be sure to search high and low for any library items that you haven't returned so that staff can clear your account and you can begin enjoying library materials again! For any additional information, please call the library at 863-983-1493.



- Get your taxes done for FREE! United Way Tax Preparation Vita (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program will be available at the library on Thursday April 7th and April 14th.
By Appointment only: Appointments must be made in person or call the library at 863-983-1493.
- **Tax forms available at the library:** A limited number of tax forms and instruction booklets are available at the library. If we don't have the form you need, we can help you print it off from the IRS website. Please consider calling ahead to make sure the library has tax forms currently available.
- The library is gearing up for Free Comic Book Day. Stay tuned for more information.



- **NEW OPPORTUNITY:** Beginning last month, a new career certification track became available through Career Online High School: **Introduction to Manufacturing!** This is one of the many career certifications available to those who enroll. The Career Online High School program allows individuals to earn an accredited high school diploma for FREE and at your own pace within the comfort of your own home or anywhere internet access is available. Participants finish not only with their high school diploma but also with a career certification and the tools needed to succeed in their chosen field. Applicants who successfully complete the following will be considered for enrollment: an "Are You Ready Survey," a prerequisite course, and an in-person interview at the Clewiston Library with Mrs. Wood. Learn more about the program, including how to enroll and available scholarship opportunities, visit <http://www.hendrylibraries.org> or call the [Clewiston Public Library](http://www.hendrylibraries.org) at 863-983-1493. Your future is free and only 1 call away!
- Needing a computer at home or a laptop to travel with? The Clewiston and Barron Libraries have partnered with Komputers for Kids which is able to provide you an entire

desktop computer for as low as \$40 (tower, flat screen monitor, mouse, and keyboard included)-wifi card is available for only \$15 and laptops as low as \$75.00. Stop in at either branch to check the inventory that is available.

- Need a place to hold a meeting? What about a computer lab to host your organization's/company's training? The Clewiston Library offers a classroom and computer lab with a total of 16 computers for use. For more information or to secure the room, please stop in or call the library at any time.
- If you have not done so already, please join our Facebook page (Clewiston Public Library) in order to remain up to date on the library's events and programs.
- **Recap of Upcoming Events:**
 - **Amnesty Week** – Monday through Friday, April 4th – April 8th
 - **Anime Club Via Zoom** – Monday, April 4th at 3:30 p.m.
 - **LEGO Club Via Zoom** – Thursday, April 7th at 3:30 p.m.
 - **Anime Club Via Zoom** – Monday, April 11th at 3:30 p.m.
 - **Medicare 101 Via Zoom** – Wednesday, April 13th at 12:00 p.m.
 - **Snack Decorating** – Wednesday, April 13th at 3:45 p.m.
 - **Anime Club Via Zoom** – Monday, April 18th at 3:30 p.m.
 - **Medicare Financial Assistance Via Zoom** – Tuesday, April 19th at 12:00 p.m.
 - **Medicare Part C Via Zoom** – Wednesday, April 20th at 12:00 p.m.
 - **LEGO Club** – Thursday, April 21st at 3:30 p.m.
 - **Adult Book Club** – Monday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
 - **Anime Club Via Zoom** – Monday, April 25th at 3:30 p.m.
 - **Medicare Part D Via Zoom** – Wednesday, April 27th at 12:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer Debbie Clay reports:



**Remove or enclose in a building all Openly Stored Items
on Your Property before a Storm is Named**

City of Clewiston Ordinance

Sec. 18-246. - Sanitation requirements.

(d) Care of premises. It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of a residential building, structure, or property to utilize the premises of such residential property for the open storage of any abandoned motor vehicle or appliance, icebox, refrigerator, stove, glass, building material, building rubbish or similar items. It shall be the duty and responsibility of every such owner and occupant to keep the premises of such residential property clean and to remove from the premises all such abandoned items as listed in this subsection, including, but not limited to, weeds, dead trees, trash, garbage, etc., upon notice pursuant to this division.

Sec. 34-52. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Junk means wrecked, derelict, dismantled, partially dismantled or nonoperative vehicles, washing machines, refrigerators, dishwashers, water heaters, television sets, similar machinery, boats, old scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, lumber, trash, rubber, debris, oddments, wastements, litter, leavings, ruins, castoffs, rummage, waste, and any other old scrap ferrous or nonferrous materials.

Junkyard means a place, structure, lot or parcel of land where junk is bought, sold, exchanged, stored, baled, packed, disassembled or handled as a business.

Property means any real property within the city which is not a street or highway.

Street or highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly dedicated right-of-way within the city.

Vehicle means a machine propelled by power other than human power designed to travel along the ground by the use of wheels, treads, runners or slides and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, trailers, motorcycles, tractors, buggies, wagons and farm equipment.

(Code 1982, § 9-1; Code 1999, § 34-81; Ord. No. 88-5, pt. 1, 8-15-1988)

Sec. 34-53. - Nuisance declared.

The accumulation and storage of junk not maintained as provided in this article shall constitute a nuisance, detrimental to health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the city.

(Code 1982, § 9-2; Code 1999, § 34-82; Ord. No. 88-5, pt. 1, 8-15-1988)

Sec. 34-54. - Junk on street or highway prohibited.

No person shall leave any junk upon a street or highway. This section shall not apply to grass, leaves, tree and shrub clippings and similar items which have been placed out to be picked up by the city.

(Code 1982, § 9-3; Code 1999, § 34-83; Ord. No. 88-5, pt. 1, 8-15-1988)

Sec. 34-55. - Junk on real property prohibited; exceptions.

No person in charge or control of any property, whether as owner, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall allow any junk to remain on any real property within the city for a period longer than 72 hours, nor shall any person deposit junk upon the real property of another person. This prohibition shall not apply to junk in an entirely enclosed building, a junkyard maintained in a lawful manner, or junk vehicles on the business property of a new or used vehicle business maintained in a lawful manner.

(Code 1982, § 9-4; Code 1999, § 34-84; Ord. No. 88-5, pt. 1, 8-15-1988)

Sec. 34-56. - Notice for removal of junk on property.

It shall be the duty of the code enforcement officer to give written notice to the registered owner of any junk which is in violation of this article, and to the registered lienholder thereof, to the person responsible for depositing the junk, or to give such notice to the owner of the real property, or the person in charge or control of such real property, where such junk is situated (in cases where the identity of the owner or lienholder is not registered or otherwise readily ascertainable) advising such person that such junk violates this article and demanding that such junk be removed to a lawful place. Such notice may be given by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested. A copy of the written notice shall be posted on the property where the junk is located when the original notice is mailed or delivered.

(b)

Notice shall be deemed to be complete and sufficient when addressed to the owner and lien holder of the personal property, and the owners of the real property as shown on the registration of the personal property and on the latest tax roll and deposited in the United States mail with proper postage prepared.

(Code 1982, § 9-6; Code 1999, § 34-86; Ord. No. 88-5, pt. 1, 8-15-1988)

The complete City of Clewiston Ordinances are available online and may be accessed utilizing the City of Clewiston website: <https://www.clewiston-fl.gov/> or Municode Library website: https://library.municode.com/fl/clewiston/codes/code_of_ordinances

If you have any questions about how to achieve/maintain compliance with this or any other City of Clewiston Ordinance you may contact our office at 863-983-1454 extension 309 or Code Compliance Supervisor: debbie.mcneil@clewiston-fl.gov

Police Chief Tom Lewis reports:

Police Department

On March 3, 2022, the police department awarded several of our Police Explorers during their annual awards ceremony. Two of our Explorers also got promoted! The Explorers Unit is led by Sergeant Willie Roberts and has approximately 23 members. If you know of anyone interested in joining our team, please don't hesitate to reach out.



On March 17, 2022, the police department upgraded our Personal Protective Equipment that is issued to employees with risk of occupational exposure. The new bags are red to be easily identified and are full of DuPont Tyvek suits (thanks to Hendry County EMS), as well as a First Responder kit to include protective clothing, face mask, gloves, eye protection, biohazard equipment, etc. All sworn officers, evidence technicians, and Animal Services staff will now have a higher level of personal protection.



On March 29, 2022, officers responded to First Bank, located at 300 East Sugarland Highway in reference to a report of a bank robbery. Officers learned that a Hispanic male, approximately 5'5" in height, wearing a camouflage patterned hat, face mask, orange vest, and blue jeans demanded money from the bank teller. An unknown weapon was implied under the clothing during the incident. After receiving an undisclosed amount of money, the male fled on foot. Officers worked with Deputies and Crime Scene Technicians from the Hendry County Sheriff's Office as well as two agents from the FBI. Officer Rebecca Myers recognized the male in the bank video, officers made contact with him recovering some of the cash and later served a search warrant at his home. Detectives discovered the remaining stolen cash hidden inside a pillow, the blue bag used to carry out the stolen cash, as well as clothing items he wore and the walkie-talkie used to depict a weapon during the robbery. He was placed under arrest and charged with Armed Bank Robbery.



New Employees - On February 14, 2022, Raul Garza and James Estiverne became the newest



police officers to join our men and women in blue. Raul comes to us from the Department of Corrections, is bilingual in Spanish, and lives right here in LaBelle. James comes to us from the Sanibel Police Department, is bilingual in French Creole, and lives in Lehigh Acres. They are both entering a multi-month Field Training Program



to prepare them for their new role. We are excited to have them aboard.

Animal Services

In the month of March 2022, Animal Services reported the intake of 85 cats and 29 dogs.

Upgrades and improvements continue to be made at the shelter facility. We had a chance to show-off our progress at our Open House on April 4, 2022 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We want to thank everyone for taking the time to come by, take a look, and ask questions on how you can get involved.

We encourage members of the public to visit the shelter and find your fur-ever pet and to visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ClewistonAnimalControl>, where you can see the latest news and pictures of our four-legged friends.



Highlighted Training

During the week of March 7, 2022, Commander Tito Nieves attended the third and final week of the FBI's Command Leadership Institute training course, held in Jupiter, Florida. The Command Leadership Institute's focus is to provide real life contemporary, best-practice strategies and techniques. Topics are based on credibility, command discipline and liability, dealing with problem employees, and leading change within an organization. We are proud to have Tito as a graduate!



March 4, 2022 through March 6, 2022, Animal Control Officer Will Jones attended the Florida Animal Control Association's annual educational conference in Orlando, Florida. This year's topics focused on the most progressive practices in the animal services industry for all staff including enforcement, sheltering and management.



Other News

On March 12, 2022, Chief Lewis, Commander Nieves, Sergeant Roberts, and Officer Rojas assisted in Clewiston High School's Crime Scene Camp. Students of the



Criminal Justice Program learned skills related to traffic stops, DUI investigations, latent print lifting, crime scene processing, evidence packaging, use of force, and so much more.

On March 9, 2022, the Clewiston Police T-Ballers took on our first competitor of the season, Sweet Party Rental. It was a great game! Take time to come out and see us play!



General Services Director Danny Williams reports:

Wondering about rooftop solar? Clewiston Utilities offers a credit for surplus energy at the **renewable generation credit rate**. If you'd like to learn more call our office at 983-1454.

- **Electric Crew Activities:**
 - Removed vegetation from Ventura and Mississippi Avenue power lines,
 - changed connectors on transformer on Arkansas Avenue and installed a new transformer bank on E. El Paso
 - repaired eight street lights
 - completed service lines to apartments at Sweet Lake Villas
 - repaired a broken service neutral at E. El Paso Avenue
 - checked and repaired all power plugs, finished tree limb removal at Civic Park for Sugar Festival
 - removed equipment after Sugar Festival,
 - set new pole on E Alverde Avenue,
 - replaced arrester in distribution substation
- **Water Sewer Crew Activities:**
 - Changed three water meters,
 - Set one pump at Eastside lift station,
 - Repaired water break on Saginaw Avenue
 - Replaced 20' of water line and meter valve on Deane Duff Ave.
 - Performed maintenance on master lift station pumps to remove wet wipes,
 - Performed maintenance on collections system pumps
- **Customer Service Department**
 - Your Utility partners with customers to bring renewable power to the electric grid. If you'd like to learn more about net metering, please visit the FTC consumer information site at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0532-solar-power-your-home>.
 - Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.

- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or attic insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you more information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- *IT'S LIGHTNING SEASON!* Don't forget to sign up for your meter based surge protection! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.
- **Facility Maintenance:**
 - The final touches have been applied to the Youth Center to finish the remodel project.
 - Minor plumbing repairs were made at the Senior Citizen building.
 - Three air conditioning repairs were made by the staff.
 - Plumbing repairs were made to facilities at the Ball Fields concession stands, Police Department and Library.
 - Exhaust fans at the Library need to be replaced and have been ordered.
- **Street Division:**
 - From pressure washing areas around the Civic Park and the CS Mott pool, mulching Festival grounds and Sugarland Highway landscaping, to insect suppression and bee removal, staff contributed many hours to make another Sugar Festival a great success!
 - Staff continues to remove shopping carts from all city streets and return them to the vendors.
 - Staff has been working on potholes city-wide to ensure traffic safety.
- **Solid Waste:**
 - Staff, with assistance from the Street Department, continues to work on keeping our streets clean of debris piles, even though we still struggle with equipment shortages.
 - A "Demo" Solid Waste truck for residential pick up was tested to see whether it could be added to the fleet.
 - Thank you to our Code Enforcement for working with property owners to remove several large illegal piles of debris, sparing valuable crew time for other duties.
- **Ball Fields:**
 - The 2022 season is in full swing and our teams are filling our fields.
 - Bee removal was done at the Ladies Soccer Field and in one of the dugout areas.
 - A fire ant treatment was performed on all playing and surrounding areas.
 - We are troubleshooting an underground well issue on one of our soccer fields to determine the best course of action to repair this problem.
- **Recreation:**
 - Staff has been keeping up with inspections of our parks to ensure grounds are safe at all times.
 - The John B. Boy Auditorium events keep staff busy with all required maintenance needs.
 - A fire ant treatment was performed at Trinidad Park to ensure safe play for everyone.
 - Friday, April 1, 2022, was opening day at the Splash Pad. Please visit the City of Clewiston Parks and Recreation Facebook page for daily time schedules.
- **Central Garage:** Staff continues to maintain the city fleet even though they struggle to find the needed parts from their vendors.